



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Brent Kevin Larson)

For: ELASTOMER COMPOSITION WHICH)

CONTAINS INTERCALATED AND)

EXFOLIATED CLAY REINFORCEMENT)

FORMED IN SITU WITHIN THE)

ELASTOMER HOST AND ARTICLE, SUCH)

AS A TIRE, HAVING AT LEAST ONE)

COMPONENT THEREOF)

Serial No.: 09/897,315)

Filed: July 2, 2001)

Confirmation No.: 1737

Docket No.: DN2001138X01

Art Unit: 1714

Examiner: Katarzyna I. Wyrozebski Lee

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the 27th day of February, 2004.


Stacy J. Sidle

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

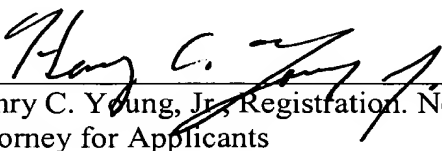
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.136a

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents for an extension of time for response to the Final Rejection dated August 27, 2003, for three (3) months from November 27, 2003, to February 27, 2004.

Please charge my deposit account number 07-1725 in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should also be charged to deposit account number 07-1725.

Respectfully submitted,


Henry C. Young, Jr., Registration No. 22,329
Attorney for Applicants

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Dept. 823
1144 East Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44316-0001
Telephone: (330) 796-2956

03/03/2004 CNGUYEN 00000107 071725 09897315

02 FC:1253 950.00 DA